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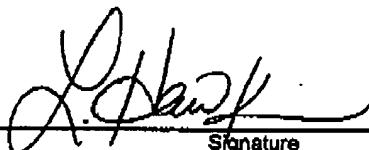
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**For: A NONINVASIVE CONTINUOUS BLOOD  
MEASURING APPARATUS AND A METHOD  
OF NONINVASIVELY MEASURING  
CONTINUOUS BLOOD PRESSURE**

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**Examiner: R. L. Nasser****RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species covered by Species I, which related to claim 7.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than two species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

An action on the merits of all the claims and a Notice of Allowance thereof are respectfully requested.

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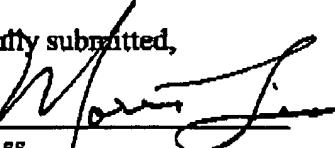
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